

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA**

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DIGITAL LIBRARY PROJECT OF NISCAIR
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the NISCAIR establishment of CSIR is having a national science digital library project ;
- (b) if so, the details including staff associated, total fund, fund utilised, source of fund, duration of project, year-wise, category-wise till date;
- (c) whether ICICI Infotech has been appointed as consultant of above project;
- (d) if so, the details including date of appointment, total amount sanctioned and amount given and report submitted, if any;
- (e) if so, the reasons in details for engaging private consultation in above project; and
- (f) whether the NISCAIR while initiating the project informed competent authority that it is having sufficient expertise for implementing the project ; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE(INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT(KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) Yes Sir.

(b) Staff associated with the project comprises of 4 Senior Scientists and 1 Assistant. Total funds for the project are Rs. 44.23 crores out of which Rs. 3.25 lakhs and Rs. 0.50 lakh have been utilised till date for capital and recurring expenditures respectively. The Project is for 3 years (2004 to 2007) and the funds will come from the CSIR budgetary support.

(c) Yes Sir.

(d) Consultant was appointed on 22.4.2004. Amount sanctioned to the consultant is Rs. 6.5 lakhs out of which Rs. 3.25 lakhs have already been given. All reports as per the scope of work assigned have been submitted.

(e) Private consultant was engaged for preparation of a detailed project report and obtain professional inputs to minimize risk and facilitate higher degree of success during the project implementation.

(f) Yes Sir.

(g) National Science Digital Library Project required core competency in Library and Information Science area which is one of the key competency areas of NISCAIR.